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INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SHRIMP EXPORTS TO US

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1. SUPPLEMENTING REF. A, CONSUL BELEM REPORTS THAT SUDEPE OFFICIALS IN THAT CITY ESTIMATE THAT THE 1975 SHRIMP CATCH IS MUCH HIGHER THAN IN 1974. MARKET CONDITIONS WERE SO POOR IN 1974, THAT MANY COMPANIES WENT OUT OF BUSINESS AND OTHERS CONVERTED SHRIMP BOATS TO CATFISH BOATS. IN 1974, 318 METRIC TONS OF SHRIMP, WORTH US\$ 1,135,441, ACCORDING TO CACEX, WERE EXPORTED, MOSTLY TO US. OTHER BANK OF BRAZIL AND SUDEPE SOURCES REPORT 1974 EXPORTS AS 412 M. TONS WORTH US\$ 1,359,151, ALSO MOSTLY TO US. ACCORDING TO CACEX, 1973 SHRIMP EXPORTS FROM BELEM WERE 959 M. TONS WORTH US\$ 2,453,365. THE VAST (CONSUL BELEM ESTIMATES 70 TO 80 PERCENT FOR 1975) MAJORITY OF SHRIMP EXPORTS FROM BELEM GOES TO US/BUT SOME OF THE CATCH IS SOLD TO JAPAN. CONSUL BELEM HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF WHERE EXPORT SHRIMP IS ACTUALLY SOLD. LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF SHRIMP IS ESTIMATED BY SUDEPE TO BE 300 TO 600 METRIC
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TONS DEPENDING ON PRICE. LARGEST PART OF SHRIMP CATCH

IN WATERS NEAR BELEM IS MADE BY FOREIGN BOATS AND THIS CATCH IS NOT INCLUDED IN BELEM EXPORT OR CONSUMPTION FIGURES. CACEX AND SUDEPE SOURCES IN BELEM ESTIMATE 1975 SHRIMP EXPORTS MAY BE IN 750 METRIC TON-TO-1,000 METRIC TON BALLAPARK, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON CATCH FROM NOW TO END OF YEAR.

2. INDUSTRY AND SUDEPE SOURCES IN BELEM REPORT THAT THERE ARE NO FROZEN SHRIMP INVENTORIES AT PRESENT IN BELEM.
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